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1. there was an epidemic of an unknown infectious disease throughout Ongjin-gun in southwest Hwanghae Province. Victims suffered severe headaches and died within 24 hours. Their stomachs swelled after death.¹
2. Sanitation teams were organized in each ri in order to combat the epidemic. The chiefs of the ri people's committees were appointed to head these teams and also to head committees for prevention of communicable diseases. Accompanied by five team members and one policeman, the chiefs visited each victim's house, checking on the patient and the disinfection of the house. It was prohibited for anyone to enter a house where a patient had died, until the house had been completely disinfected.

1. Comment:
- several people had died of the disease in Yongso-dong (N 37-57, E 125-02) (XC-7902).

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